Situation Update: Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
31 December 2019

Key Facts
2,034 children in long term or temporary accommodation
77 children in Emergency UAC accommodation sites
1,809* children in RICs
195* children in Protective custody
141* children in Open temporary accommodation facilities
1,045* children in Insecure housing conditions

*The above numbers include 486 separated children, and 199 pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

5,301 children in total out of which:
92.6% Boys
7.4% Girls
8.7% <14 years old

Number of places
1,488 Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)
841 Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels)

Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by EKKA. All figures are based on referrals.

Additionally, 1,045 UAC (20 of which pending transfer) have been reported as living in informal/insecure housing conditions such as living temporarily in apartments with others, living in squats, being homeless and moving frequently between different types of accommodation.

The above number includes 67 UAC with no location reported by the referral agent. EKKA is in the process of updating this information.

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Number and places of UAC shelters, safe zones and hotels, 31 December 2019

Key Facts
as of 31 December 2019

UAC shelters
- Current: 52 UAC shelters with total 1,352 places
- Planned: 1 UAC shelters with total 36 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 34 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 136 places
- Planned: 31 SIL apartments with total 124 places

Safe zones*
- Current: 10 Safe Zones for UAC with total 300 places

Hotels**
- Current: 14 Hotels for UAC with total 541 places

*Safe Zones are designated supervised spaces within accommodation sites which provide UAC with 24/7 emergency protection and care. They should be used as short term (maximum 3 months) measures to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Safe Zone priority is given to UAC in detention as well as other vulnerable children, in line with their best interests.

**Hotels are emergency accommodation spaces being used as a measure to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Priority is given to UAC in Reception and Identification Centers.

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Central Macedonia:
4 shelters-120 places
5 SIL-20 places
3 safe zones- 90 places
6 hotels- 232 places

East Macedonia and Thrace:
3 shelters-61 places
2 safe zone-60 places

Epirus:
2 shelters - 80 places
2 SIL- 8 places
1 safe zone- 30 places
3 hotels-110 places

Lesvos:
6 shelters-146 places

Thessaly:
3 shelters-100 places

Western Greece:
2 shelters - 49 places

Western Macedonia:
2 shelter- 76 places
1 hotel-35 places

Central Greece:
2 safe zones-60 places
1 hotel-45 places

Attica:
28 shelters- 684 places
28 SIL-108 places
2 safe zones-60 places
3 hotels-119 places

Samos:
1 shelter- 18 places

Leros
Kos
Rhodes

Available places by type and region

Current capacity compared to previous months


Total Long term places (Shelters/SIL) Total temporary places (Safe zones/Hotels)

Current capacity

841 840 840 1163 1163 1165 1173 1196 1244 1376 1488 1504
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27,539 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and December 2019.

Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month
(updated on a monthly basis)

Referrals processed* per month in 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality
1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019
(updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
5301 UAC

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

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